



John B. Nowell, Jr.

Captain, USN

**Commander, Destroyer Squadron SIX ZERO
United States Navy**

CAPT John Nowell, Jr., U.S. Navy, is a native of Hickory, North Carolina. He graduated with distinction from the U.S. Naval Academy in

1984 majoring in Ocean Engineering, holds a Master of Science Degree in Weapons Systems Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School, and is Joint Specialty Officer (JSO) qualified.

CAPT Nowell's sea tours have included duty on ships home ported in East and West coast ports as well as in Japan, and include USS CALLAGHAN (DDG 994), USS BUNKER HILL (CG 52),

USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51) and USS THE SULLIVANS (DDG 68).

CAPT Nowell commanded USS PORTER (DDG 78) from April 2002 through December 2003. While in command, PORTER surge deployed for Operation IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF) to the Fifth and Sixth Fleets where she conducted TOMAHAWK Strikes and Theater Ballistic Missile Defense for Israel. During 2003, PORTER earned all Mission Area Excellence Awards and was awarded the Battle Efficiency, Atlantic Fleet ASW Bloodhound and the Golden Anchor Awards.

Shore tours included duty on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations in the Surface Warfare Directorate (N86) as Action Officer for Navy Theater Ballistic Missile Defense and as the Executive Assistant to the Director of Theater Air Warfare (N865). He was also assigned to the Operations Directorate of the Joint Staff as the Chief of the Theater Air and Missile Defense Branch (J-38), and was a member of the Joint Staff Crisis Action Team in support of Operation ALLIED FORCE in Kosovo, as well as serving as the Team Leader for the Interoperability Joint Warfighting Capabilities Assessment Team. His most recent shore tour was at the Navy Personnel Command in Millington, Tenn., where he served as the Head of the Washington Placement Branch (PERS-441) and then assumed duties as Executive Assistant to the Commander, Navy Personnel Command/Naval Personnel Development Command.

CAPT Nowell assumed command of Destroyer Squadron SIX ZERO/Task Force 65 based in Naples, Italy in August, 2006. From August through October, 2006, he served as the Maritime Force Commander (CTF BRAVO) for JTF Lebanon. He also serves as the Commander of Task Force West and Central Africa (CTF-365) and embarked on USS FORT MCHENRY (LSD 43) from October 2007 to April 2008 in command of a multi-national force of ships, submarines, aircraft, expeditionary partnership teams and land-based forces conducting the inaugural AFRICA PARTNERSHIP STATION deployment.

Personal awards include the Bronze Star, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy Commendation Medal (four awards), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, and various unit citations and campaign awards. He is also the recipient of the 1987 Pacific Fleet Junior Officer Shiphandling Award.